

STATE

✓ CALIFORNIA

COUNTY

Calaveras

TOWN OR VICINITY

Albany Flat

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MONUMENT

James Romaggi Fandango House

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NEGATIVE FILE

H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

CAL-1204

History - One of the finest
Mother Lode ranches and homes.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

James Romaggi settled at Albany Flat, 1851.
Built a two-story stone house as home for
his family. Surrounded it with flower
gardens; fruit trees and vineyards. Later
it was a wayside inn.

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DRAWINGS

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Description - Two-story building, with walls "of selected coursed slabs of amphibolite schist," "excellance of construction and elaboratness, for size" is matched by few Mother Lode structures. Often referred to erroneously as "adobe", it was actually schist stone held together by adobe. Interesting detail, outside post at wine cellar door made of locust wood shipped from China. Almost as hard as rock, in great demand for weather wear. Now covered by galvanized iron roof (preservation). Walls of main building still solid. Side walls in ruins.

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